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Dear Mr. Bowns;

On May 4, 2011, an inspection was conducted at the Lynn Springs Quarry, T.14N., R.16W., Sections 20 and 29, Raft River Division of the Sawtooth National Forest in Box Elder County, Utah.

The inspector has observed three workers on site splitting and stacking stone. Various petroleum and gasoline products were observed to be scattered throughout the site with the workers staging a gasoline can in a tree near a "rest area" within a stand of juniper. It was noted that several junipers have been cut either to establish a larger clearing or for firewood to be used by the workers. Pop cans and trash are scattered throughout the area with trash cans overflowing. A dozer has been brought into the North Quarry area where it was parked and appears to be in disrepair or inoperable. It has lost a significant amount of hydraulic fluid or oil which has run down the roadway behind the disabled equipment. While we appreciate your efforts in the past to remove inoperable equipment from the site many areas of soil contamination exist from oil leaks and spills and should be addressed and cleaned up.

Operations appear to be confined to the North Quarry and a new excavation was observed within the northwest area of the disturbance area as well as a new access spur that has been constructed in this same vicinity. The Kato excavator was parked on this new segment of road. Waste rock dumps continue to creep northward and have encroached onto the BLM boundary fence.

The highwall at the southern end of the North Quarry is once again exposed and severely undercut and eroding. While a soil berm has been constructed on the road above this highwall, there is inadequate hazard protection and signage to warn the public of these hazards. A letter dated June 17, 2009 from the Minidoka Ranger District brought these highwall hazards to your attention. Shortly after this was addressed with posts and yellow caution tape but have since collapsed due to mining operations. This measure is inadequate given the condition of the quarry in this area and more lasting protection and warning needs to be put into place in accordance with 36 CFR 228.10 **Maintenance during operations, public safety: During all operations operator shall maintain his structures, equipment, and other facilities in a safe, neat and workmanlike manner. Hazardous sites or conditions resulting from operations shall be marked by signs, fenced or otherwise identified to protect the public in accordance with**




Federal and State laws and regulations.

The inspector also noted that the main access road on the Forest Service is in poor shape with deep ruts and little to no drainage controls. Storm water has made its way down the road finding these ruts and is causing significant road damage. The authorization letter for this project provided road maintenance and road construction standards for this operation. These standards should be followed to improve the condition of the main access road and to minimize erosion.

Since 2003 several requests have been made by this office for an operating plan amendment in order to address the gradual expansion of your operation. While it appears evident from our inspection history that you have attempted to mine within the footprint authorized in 1999, waste rock dumps have slowly encroached into undisturbed areas and new excavations have emerged. Your letter of June 22, 2009 indicated it would likely be late 2009 before you had possession of any pertinent documentation prepared by the Shipley Group. Since the Shipley Group is no longer involved in the project, do you intend to hire another third party contractor to aid in the development of your Plan of Operations? The Forest Service has not finalized the completeness review of a new or amended Plan of Operations for the Lynn Springs Quarry that can be approved for environmental review under 36 CFR 228.4(c) and the National Environmental Policy Act. Until the Minidoka Ranger District has finalized the completeness review of an operating plan it is premature to proceed with any environmental review by a third party contractor. Therefore we again request you submit the requested information within 30 days of the date of receipt of this letter notifying your intentions for the Lynn Springs operation. Please contact us if you would like to meet on site to discuss.

If you have any questions please contact Sawtooth Geologist, Heidie Torrealday at 208.731.0180.

Sincerely,



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